

**LACDMH HOSTS 2013 MAP SYMPOSIUM**  
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On Wednesday, March 20, 2013, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) hosted the Managing and Adapting Practice (MAP) Symposium at the Los Angeles Convention Center in downtown.

Nearly 600 participants took part in the event designed to update and booster training for MAP agency supervisors and MAP therapists. Invited participants were clinicians from directly operated clinics and contract providers.



The MAP system helps improve the quality, efficiency and outcomes of services. It features a clinical dashboard that provides clinicians with a visual summary of a

client's progress as well as the interventions used. The MAP system gives clinicians easy access to the most current scientific information and clinical protocols by using an online database (PracticeWise Evidence-Based Services or PWEBS) where clinicians can get input and suggestions on which evidence-based practice (EBP) to use with child clients, based on presentation and symptomology. A Practitioner Guide filled with one-page summaries of common practices used in the EBPs is also available for clinicians. The symptomology covered includes childhood anxiety, depression, disruptive behavior, eating disorders, substance use, traumatic stress, ADHD and autism.



This year's symposium covered new developments within the MAP system, strategies for making MAP work on the front lines in various settings, and a review of the Direct Services model with emphasis on using MAP tools for clinical problem-solving, assessment and treatment planning and review.

Attendees spent their day in breakout sessions throughout the day. Each session addressed topics relevant to service, coordination and growth. "We really hope today that we encourage more outcome reporting, program planning and agency implementation when it comes to the MAP system," said Mike Alba, Psy.D., LACDMH PEI Practice Lead. "We really want to enhance growth and the workforce is part of it, added Sam Chan, Ph.D., LACDMH District Chief.